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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PLANNED MALAN-
JKANG COPPER MINE IS FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE IN HINDUSTAN
COPPER LTD. (HCL).

2. HCL, OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HAS RECENTLY
RECEIVED OFFICIAL APPROVAL TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF A
COPPER MINE AT MALANKHAND IN MADHYA PRADESH, FOR WHICH THE
RUSSIAN PREPARED THE DETAILED PROJECT REPORT. ENTIRE PROJECT,
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WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF RS. 1,000 MILLION (DOLS111 MILLION)
IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 54 MONTHS, THAT IS BY THE END
OF 1980. HCL EXPECTS TO APPOINT LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND AVOID
IMPORTS OF EQUIPMENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FOR CONSTRUCTION JOB.
BARRING PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF FOREIGN CONSULTANTS AND FOR
UNAVOIDABLE IMPORTS, FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPENDITURE WILL BE
INSIGNIFICANT FOR MALANJKHAND PROJECT.

3. THIS POLICY WILL COVER THE CONCENTRATOR, WHICH WILL BE BUILT IN INDIA. THIS MEANS THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CONCENTRATOR NOW IN EXISTENCE, NONE WILL BE IMPORTED AND THERE WILL BE NO GLOBAL TENDERS FOR THIS ELEMENT OF THE MINING PLANT.

4. HCL HAS, HOWEVER, INVITED OFFERS FROM MORE THAN SIX LEADING FOREIGN FIRMS FOR CONTRACTING CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON MINE PLANNING AND THE DESIGN OF AN OPEN PIT MINE. HCL HAS CONTACTED TWO AMERICAN FIRMS AMONG THE SIX, INCLUDING KAISER ENGINEERS, TO RECEIVE THEIR SEPARATE BIDS FOR CONSULTANCY JOB.

5. THE BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTIONS WORK IS NOW WAITING FOR THIS SELECTION OF A FOREIGN CONSULTANT ON MINE PLANNING, AS WELL AS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF SENIOR INDIAN PROJECT MANAGERS. THE OVERALL PROJECT COORDINATOR, HOWEVER, HAS JUST BEEN NAMED AND IS LIKELY TO ASSUME CHARGE AND GET THE PROJECT MOVING SOON. OFFICIAL DECISIONS ON IMPORTS OF TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AND EQUIPMENT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FINALIZED BY THE END OF 1977, IF NOT EARLIER.

6. PAYMENT IN DOLLARS FOR CONSULTANCY FEES IS ASSURED SINCE INDIA HAS SUFFICIENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE

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RESERVES, AND THE PROJECT IS ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

7. KAISER ENGINEERS, SYDNEY, IF INTERESTED IN HCL PROPOSAL, MAY BE ADVISED TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY ON TELEX MESSAGE OF HCL AND SEND OFFER ASAP FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES ON MINE PLANNING. LYDON

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